

To the Commission:

I am an amateur radio operator; therefore, I am interested in the proposal of AMSAT. I am also a teacher who directly benefits from the endeavors of AMSAT. Having read the proposal AMSAT has sent the Commission, I agree that the twenty-seven (27) month pre-launch notification requirements are excessive. Moreover, given that the Commission would no longer be required to process waivers of the 27-month notification, it is also in the Commission's own interest to approve this proposal. By eliminating this obstacle (27-month pre-launch reporting requirement), the Commission sends a direct message that it supports the development of new technologies and infrastructures, and thereby supports improving the state of the art in telecommunications, and for these reasons, I urge the Commission to issue an NPRM or approve this measure sua sponte.

Respectfully yours,

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